



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of : Thibeault, D. *et al.* ) Art Unit: 1648  
Serial No. : 10/650,585 ) Examiner: Mosher, Mary  
Confirmation No. : 7451  
Filed : August 28, 2003  
For : Purified Active HCV NS2/3 Protease  
Docket No. : 13/082-1-D1

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**REPLY WITH AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Sir:

This Reply is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2004. Please enter the amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months up to and including March 24, 2005, together with the necessary fee.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.